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Cc: Tulis, Dana[Tulis.Dana@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica[Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Smith, Paula[Smith.Paula@epa.gov]; Harrison, Melissa[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]; Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]; Natarajan, Nitin[Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov]; Woolford, James[Woolford.James@epa.gov]; Cheatham, Reggie[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov]; Stanislaus, Mathy[Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov]; Deitz, Randy[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov]; Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]; Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thur 10/15/2015 4:24:09 PM
Subject: RE: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

I am going to meet with Christie now and we will get concurrence through oswer and the region on this – as well as coordinate the notifications, etc.

Look for a confirming email shortly.

Thanks ng

From: Card, Joan
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 12:22 PM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

It seems like we have two email chains going on this. Who is signing off on Christie's proposed statement? David Ostrander, are you good with the accuracy? Thanks all. Joan

Joan Card

Senior Policy Advisor

Region 8

Sent from my EPA iPhone

On Oct 15, 2015, at 9:37 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Adding Dana Stalcup and David Ostrander.

After giving this some additional thought, I thought it might be useful to pull all related QAs together into a cohesive document –for today’s site visits and notifications, as well as for media inquiries.

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From: Tulis, Dana

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:33 AM

To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

Thanks all, I have not been in the loop on this. I am adding in OSRTI and OSWER IO to make sure they are still comfortable. Thank you.

Dana S. Tulis

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From: StClair, Christie

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:23 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy; Card, Joan; Lee, Monica; Tulis, Dana

Cc: Smith, Paula; Harrison, Melissa; Distefano, Nichole; Levine, Carolyn; Hull, George; Lee, Monica

Subject: RE: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

Nancy,

Looping in Dana Tulis for further guidance.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 10:57 AM
To: Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
Cc: Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>; Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

Hi Christie,

With whom do we need to work in the EOC/OSWER to get a statement on the treatment plant being up and running tomorrow – citing the parameters outlined below?

As there will be reporters at the site today, there will be stories, so we need to pull this together to get to Congressionals and state and locals as quickly as we can.

Please let me know how I can help -- just know that you best know the EOC ropes.

Thanks ng

From: Card, Joan
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

Monica, see below, fyi. You can discuss with Steve before tour if you need to. Thanks for your help today!

Joan

From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 8:00 AM
To: StClair, Christie
Cc: Card, Joan
Subject: FW: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

Please note Steve comments on the water treatment statement.

From: Way, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 5:56 PM
To: Hestmark, Martin; Ostrander, David
Cc: Williams, Laura; Guy, Kerry
Subject: Re: Gold King mine - Water Treatment

Martin and David,

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Steve

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 14, 2015, at 2:04 PM, Hestmark, Martin <Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov> wrote:

Shouldn't this be confirmed before we do any notification?

From: Deitz, Randy

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 1:26 PM

To: StClair, Christie; Ostrander, David; Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura

Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Hestmark, Martin; Peterson, Cynthia

Subject: RE: Gold King mine

I think we want to make sure that appropriate congressional and state and local elected officials would be told the plant will be up and running by this Friday by EPA before reading about in a newspaper article.

Randy Deitz

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From: StClair, Christie

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 12:20 PM

To: Ostrander, David; Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura; Deitz, Randy

Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Hestmark, Martin; Peterson, Cynthia

Subject: RE: Gold King mine

Thanks, David.

Below is a draft response to send Jesse. I've set it up so that we respond to his question, then provide the additional context as background. (The background info has been approved by OSWER, EOC and OPS and is our current statement on long-term mitigation.)

R8 and OSWER – please let me know if you have any changes.

Thanks,

Christie

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From: Ostrander, David

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 12:02 PM

To: StClair, Christie; Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura; Deitz, Randy
Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Hestmark, Martin; Peterson, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Gold King mine

All the major components are on-site. Pipe has been run from the mine down to R&B ponds and connections are being made to the Gladstone ponds and to the treatment system. The sub-contractor is connecting all the components together. The plant will start flowing water through on Friday in two days. Over the next week, the treatment system will be adjusted to best treat the water.

We need to think about how we craft this message and manage the expectation. Is it really breaking news that the plant starts operating on Friday? Remember, this flow from the GKM and treatment is only a small part of the overall discharge from mines and will make some improvement in water quality in Cement Creek, but will not, and is not intended to be a solution to the discharging mine problems in the Upper Animas. The R&B continues to discharge at 350 gpm directly into Cement Creek. We were fortunate that we had no weather delays over the last 3 weeks which would have slowed down construction.

Anything I can help with the message?

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 9:29 AM
To: Ostrander, David; Stalcup, Dana; Williams, Laura; Deitz, Randy
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Fwd: Gold King mine

Hi all, what can you tell me about the status of the new treatment plant?

Thanks,

Christie

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jesse Paul <jpaul@denverpost.com>
Date: October 14, 2015 at 11:24:11 AM EDT
To: Press <press@epa.gov>
Subject: Gold King mine

Good morning!

I am hoping to confirm the GKM temporary water treatment plant is in place today as planned.

Thanks,

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Jesse Paul

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